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1. - 30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously presented) A method of operating an ATM, comprising:

- a) charging customers for services rendered by the ATM;
- b) predicting a time when usage of the ATM by customers will increase, and
- c) increasing charges at the ATM during said time.

32. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 31, wherein the time coincides with public events occurring near the ATM.

33. (New) Method according to claim 31, wherein the ATM sends performance data to a server which data indicate, for each individual transaction executed by the ATM, the type of transaction and the time of occurrence of the transaction.

34. (New) Method according to claim 33, wherein the ATM responds to commands received from the server and for altering the operation of the ATM.

35. (New) Method according to claim 31, and further

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comprising:

- a) transmitting performance data from the ATM over a network to a server, which data is representative of the occurrence of operations carried out by the ATM; and
- b) analyzing the data to determine volume of transactions at particular times of the ATM.

36. (New) Method according to claim 35, wherein the performance data is representative of customer usage of the terminal.

37. (New) Method according to claim 35, wherein the performance data includes information representative of the type of transactions and/or of the time at which transactions are initiated at the ATM.

38. (New) Method according to claim 31, wherein said time is predicted by analyzing historical data representing usage of the ATM over a predetermined period of time.

39. (New) Method according to claim 38, wherein the historical data includes information about the type of transactions carried out at the ATM.

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40. (New) Method according to claim 39, wherein the historical data includes information about the time at which transactions have been carried out at the ATM.

41. (New) Method according to claim 38, wherein said historical data pattern includes information about the volume of transactions carried out at the ATM at different times of the day or on different days, or both.